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1. Erhimbato (Erchimbato), former head of the Hulunbuir League, resigned in March 1948, and his office was taken over by his former secretary, Dogorjap.* Dogorjap is about 41 years of age and of Barga Mongolian origin (the name of his native Banner is not known). He studied at Waseda University in Japan, and after his return to China became an official in the Manchukuo Government. Prior to V-J Day he served as secretary to Erhimbato. In October 1945 he went as Erhimbato's representative to the Mongolian People's Republic. He is a scholar of Mongolian literature and speaks not only fluent Japanese and Chinese but also Russian. He is a mild-mannered person and has good judgment.
2. Erhimbato is now 67 years of age, which the Mongols consider very old. As early as 1947 he had expressed his intention to resign from his office. He is a man of remarkable character. An excellent administrator, he devoted years to the improvement of the administration of Hulunbuir, always with the firm support of the local inhabitants. However, early in 1947 he concluded that the current situation in Hulunbuir was hopeless and his resignation may have been the outcome of his disillusionment. Erhimbato is honest, stubborn and decidedly unyielding, and thus hardly of a temperament suitable to handling the delicate political intricacies in Hulunbuir. Moreover, it is likely that he is not persona grata to the Communists. He and his successor, Dogorjap, understand each other well. They are from the same area and have long worked together as superior and subordinate, always on excellent terms both privately and politically. It is quite possible that they have agreed that Dogorjap should take over the overt position of head of the League while Erhimbato would work to help him gain popular support. The probable reason for this change was to forestall the appointment of a Communist Party member to the office. In other words, Erhimbato and Dogorjap are trying their best not to follow in the footsteps of YUN Tse in Wangyehmiao.

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